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FM BROADCAST

W J Z Z (Eff. 3-18-74)

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

X W C H D (EFF: 5-28-71)

X W L V U (EFF: 6-1-71)

X W C H D

Date first licensed 7-29-60

Call letters

Station location Detroit, Michigan

BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY (MLH 9-6-68)

Name of licensee RADIO STATION WCHB OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

278 East Forest, Detroit, Michigan (MPH-6-13-69)

xx 2994 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan (PH-12-20-67)

Transmitter location X278 E. Forest, Detroit, Michigan

48201  
Main studio location X2994 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan (PH-12-20-67)  
X Same as transmitter.



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Channel & Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-2595 HAAT: 175'	2-25-59	105.9mc. Ch. 290	34-kw. TPO: 5-kw.	U	4-25-59 10-25-59
Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast Station.					
BMPH-6055 (1)	10-30-59	Mod. of CP (BPH-2595) for extension of completion date to 1-25-60.			
BMPH-6152 (2)	2-11-60	Mod. of CP (BPH-2595 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 4-25-60.			
BMPH-6243 (3)	5-11-60	Mod of CP (BPH-2595 as mod.) for extension of completion date to 6-25-60			
BPH-2602	7-27-60	Lic. to cover of (BPH-2595 as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/c station.		7-27	10-1-61
		105.9mc. 34kw. Ch.			HAAT: 175' TPO: 5kw
BTC-3721 EFF: Per Form 323 Bell and Mary L. Bell	4-18-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Dr. Haley Bell to Dr. Haley Bell and Mary L. Bell, joint tenants with right to survivorship			
BRH-1064	11-16-61	Renewal of license		11-16	10-1-64
BRH-1064	9-14-64	Renewal of License		10-1	10-1-67
BRH-1064	9-8-67	Renewal of License		10-1	10-1-70
BPH-5805 HAAT: 275'	12-20-67	105.9mc. (h&v) ch#290	ERP: 34kw (h&v) TPO: 8.8kw	U	2-20-68 8-20-68
		CP to chg. ant-trans and studio location; chg. type trans (RCA-BTF-10E); install dual polarized ant (RCA-BFC-8, 8 sects); incr. TPO; chg. horiz. & vert. ERP; and HAAT;			
BMLH-310 (1)	9-6-68	ML to chg. name			
BPH-6431 HAAT: 275' (h&v)	10-7-68	105.9mc. ch#290	ERP: 34kw (h&v) TPO: 8.8kw	U	6-7-69
		CP replace expired permit (BPH-5805)			
BTC-5787	11-27-68	Vol. TC			
BMPH-10,611 (1)	5-21-69	MP (BPH-6431 as reinstated) ext. time to 12-7-69			
BMPH-10,644	6-13-69	MP (BPH-6431 as reinstated & mod.) chg ant-trans loc. TPO: 18 kw ERP: 34 kw (h&v) U HAAT: 300 (h&v)			



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Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... W C H D

Station location ..... Detroit Michigan

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BMPH-10-894 (1)	12-23-69	MP(BPH-6431 ext.		time to	5-7-70
BMPH-11,050 (2)	5-26-70	MP(BPH-6431 a reinstated & mod) ext time			7-1-70
BPH-4806 (2)	5-26-70	Lic.(BPH-6431, as mod.)			for changes. 10-1-70
BRH-1064(S)	10-15 70	Renewal			10-1-73
BLH-5178(L)	8-13-71	License to use former main Trans. for aux. purposes only			AUX. 10-1-73
HAAT: 300' (H&V)		105.9mc	ERP: 9.45kw(H&V)		TPO: 5kw
EBSA	5-22-72				
BTC-7311	12-21-73	VOL TC EFF:			
WIRE eff:	3-18-74	ML to change call letters			
EBSA	3-18-74				
BRH-1064(L)	3-29-74	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX.			10-1-76
BRH-1064(S)	11-15-76	Renewal Main & Aux.			10-1-79
BRH 790601	ZW 1-24-80	(S) RENEWAL			MAIN & AUX. 10-1-82



Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name RADIO STATION WCHB OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY Station Location - Detroit, Mich.  
 (P.O. - 32790 Henry Ruff Road, Wayne, Michigan)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-2595	1-12-59	Construction permit for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 105.1-mc CH 286 105.9mcs. CH 290 ERP - 33.945 kw Type transmitter - Gates FM-5B Type antenna - Andrew 1308 (8 bay) HAAT 174 ft Trans. location - 278 E. Forest Detroit, Michigan Studio location - Same as transmitter  Atty. - Samuel Miller Engr. - E.H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.	GRANTED	2-25-59
Rec'd	1-20-59			
Filed	1-20-59			
			HAAT: 175'	
			ERP: 34-kw.	
Amended	2-9-59	Amended to change frequency & channel		
R & F	2-11-59			



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Name

RADIO STATION WCHB OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.

Dated

Application for

Action

Nature

Date

BMPH-6055

10-9-59

Modification of C. P. (BPH-2595 which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 10-25-59 to 1-25-60.

GRANTED

10-30-59

R &amp; F

10-14-59

to

1-25-60

BMPH-6152

1-11-60

Modification of C. P. (BPH-2595 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 1-25-60 to 4-25-60

GRANTED

2-11-60

R &amp; F.

1-14-60

to

4-25-60

BMPH-6243

4-14-60

Modification of C. P. (BPH-2595 as modified which authorized a new FM broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 4-25-60 to 6-25-60.

GRANTED

5-11-60

R &amp; F

4-18-60

to

6-25-60

Atty: Samuel Miller

BLH-1602

5-6-60

License to cover C.P. (BPH-2595 as modified) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.

GRANTED

7-29-60

R &amp; F

5-9-60



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Letters **W C H D**

Name **RADIO STATION WCHB OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**Detroit, Michigan**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-3721 Rec'd Filed	3-29-61 4-3-61 4-3-61	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Dr. Haley Bell to Dr. Haley Bell and Mary L. Bell, joint tenants with right of survivorship.  Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: Per Form 323	4-18-61 4-28-61
BRH-1064 Rec'd Filed	7-7-61 7-10-61 7-10-61	Renewal of license  Samuel Miller, Atty.	GRANTED	11-16-61
BRH-1064 Rec'd Filed	7-14-64 7-16-64 7-16-64	Renewal of license  Atty. Samuel Miller	GRANTED	9-14-64



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **WCHD**

Name **RADIO STATION WCHB OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH- R	2-18-67	CP to change ant-trans and studio location to 2994 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan; operate trans by RC from studio location; install new type trans(RCA-BTF-10E); install new type ant. (RCA-BFA-8A, 8 sects); incr. TPO to 6.61kw; incr. ERP to 50kw; and incr. HAAT to 256 feet. Atty - Lauren A. Colby Engr. E. Harold Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Michigan	Returned	3-14-67 per Sect. 73.213(a) of the Comm. Rules.
	3-2-67			
BPH-5805 R&F	4-21-67	CP to chg. ant-trans and studio loc., to 2994 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan; operate trans by RC from studio location; install new type trans(RCA-BTF-10E); install dual polarized ant(RCA-BFC-8, 8 sects); incr. TPO to 8.84kw; show ERP as 34.0kw (horizontal & vertical); and incr. HAAT to 276 feet; Atty - Lauren A. Colby Engr. E. Harold Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Michigan	GRANTED	12-20-67
	4-27-67			



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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name **X** RADIO STATION **WCHB** OF THE BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
DETROIT, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1064 R & F JUL 2 1967	6-24-67 7-3-67	Renewal of License Atty: Samuel Miller	GRANTED	9-8-67
BMLH-310 R & F #451995 \$30 AUG 27 1968	8-9-68 8-15-68 8-15-68	Mod. of License to change name of licensee to BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY.  Atty - Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED	9-6-68
BPH-6431 R & F #456628 \$30	8-27-68 9-4-68 9-4-68	Construction Permit to replace expired permit (BPH-5805).  Atty - Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED	10-7-68
AMENDED R. & F SEP 24 1968	9-12-68 9-20-68	AMENDED to change name to BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY		
BTC-5787 R & F FEE PD: \$30 - #470569 NOV 21 1968	10-29-68 11-7-68	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. (55%) from Haley Bell and Mary Bell, Joint Tenants, to Haley Bell and Mary Bell, individuals (27½% each) Atty - Lauren A. Colby P.O. Box 2, WASHINGTON, D. C.	GRANTED	11-27-68 Eff: 11-29-68



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Name BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-10,611 R & F #512840 \$30	5-2-69 5-7-69 5-7-69 MAY 12 1969	MP(BPH-6431 as reinstated) for ext. time to _____ (FOR CHGS.)  Atty - Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED to	5-21-69 12-7-69
BMPH-10,644 R & F #515376 \$30	5-2-69 5-19-69 5-19-69 JUN 6 1969	MP(BPH-6431 as reinstated & mod.) chg. ant.-trans. loc. to 278 E. Forest, Detroit, Michigan; chg. trans(RCA-BTF-20E1); chg. ant(RCA-BFC-4, 4 sects); chg. TPO 18.0kw; and chg. HAAT: 301'.  Atty - Lauren A. Colby Engr.: E. Harold Munn, Jr. (Coldwater, Michigan)	GRANTED	6-13-69
BMPH-10,894 R & F #562253 \$30 PRESS:	12-5-69 12-5-69 12-5-69 DEC 18 1969	MP(BPH-6431 as reinstated & mod) ext. time to _____ (FOR CHGS.)  Attys - <u>Colby</u> and Tarrant	GRANTED to	12-23-69 5-7-70



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W-C-H-D

BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPH-11,050 R & F #599555\$30. PRESS:	5-1-70 5-6-70 5-6-70 <b>20 MAY 1970</b>	MP(BPH-6431 as reinstated & mod) ext. time to (FOR CHGS).  Atty-Richard J. Tarrant(Colby)	GRANTED	5-26-70
PTA 6-10-70				
BRH-1064 R & F \$75 #605949 PN Recd. PRESS	6-1-70 6-3-70 " <b>JUN 18 1970</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	10-15-70
BLH-4806 R & F #605594 \$30. PTA PRESS	6-1-70 6-1-70 6-1-70 6-10-70 <b>AUG 3 1970</b>	Lic.(BPH-6431, as mod.) for changes. Atty: Colby & Tarrant	GRANTED	8-26-70
		PTA (Amended) 7-19-71		



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters \* W C H D

Name BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Detroit, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLH-5178 R & F #W 016340350 AC-068 PTA PRESS	7-12-71 7-13-71 7-13-71 7-19-71	License to use former Main Transmitter(RCA, FM-5B for Auxiliary Purposes Only.  Atty: <u>Colby</u> and Tarrant	GRANTED	8-13-71
<b>AUG 2 1971</b>				
BRH-1064 R & F FN Recd. PRESS	6-30-73 7-3-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (Main) Lauren A. Colby, Atty. AMENDED 9-20-73 re: programming	GRANTED	3-29-74
<b>26 JUL 1971</b>				
BRH-1064 R & F	9-25-73 10-1-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (AUXILIARY TRANS.)		
ETC-7311 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #256839 CODE 049 (Form 316) ALSO SEE AM WCHB	3-30-73 11-29-73	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Haley Bell & Mary Bell (Husband & Wife) to Mary Bell and Henry Materak, Co-Executors of the Estate of Haley Bell, Deceased Atty - Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED EFF:	12-21-73



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Name **BELL BROADCASTING COMPANY**  
**Detroit, Michigan**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-1064 R & F PN PRESS	5-28-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 <b>JUL 28 1976</b>	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary) Atty- Lauren A. Colby	<b>GRANTED</b>	<b>11-15-76</b>
BRH790601ZW PRESS <b>AUG 14 1979</b>		Renewal of License Atty. Lauren A. Colby	<b>GRANTED</b>	<b>1-24-80</b>



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

